

# WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EXAMINING BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

**January 13, 2006** 

**LOCATION:** Comfort Inn Tumwater

1620 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Tumwater, Washington 98501

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jorge Torres-Saenz, Psy.D., Chair Liang Tien, Psy.D., Vice Chair Ray Harry, Public Member Benjamin Johnson, Psy.D.

Darlene Madenwald, Public Member

Carol Ann Pahlke, Ph.D. Thomas Wall, Ph.D.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dean Funabiki, Ph.D.

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director Sherry Wolverton, Program Assistant Tammy Benson, Disciplinary Manager Judy Young, Staff Attorney

#### **AAG PRESENT:**

Mark Calkins, Assistant Attorney General, Board Legal Advisor

Joyce Roper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Torres-Saenz called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The proposed agenda for the meeting was approved by the Board. Ms. Darlene Madenwald, the new board member representing the public, was introduced. Joyce Roper, Senior Assistant Attorney General, introduced the Board's new legal advisor Mark Calkins, Assistant Attorney General.

# 2. AGREED ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT PRESENATION – KENNETH L. DESEVE, Ph.D, DOCKET 99-11-A-1001PY

Judy Young, Staff Attorney, presented the proposed agreed order of reinstatement to the Board. The proposed agreed order was approved by the Board.

#### 3. PROGRAM REPORTS

- 3.1 Bob Nicoloff reported that Ms. Holly Rawnsley has accepted the position of Board Program Manager. Ms. Rawnsley will be assuming her new duties in the next few weeks.
- 3.2 Mr. Nicoloff reviewed and discussed 1) the annual update on Health Professions Quality Assurance from HPQA Director Bonnie King, 2) policy brief "Raising the Bar for Health Care" published by the Office of the Governor, and 3) the Government Management, Accountability and Performance (GMAP) report on health professions that was presented by the Department of Health to the Governor's staff on December 15, 2005.
- 3.3 The Board reviewed and discussed the November, 2005 budget summary. Overall expenses continue to be under budget to date.

#### 4. REPORT ON THE GOVERNOR'S BOARDS AND COMMISSION CONFERENCE

Board members discussed the topics covered at the December  $20^{th}$  conference in Olympia. All members who attended found the conference to be informative and helpful.

# 5. PROPOSED RULES REVISIONS

5.1 Parenting Evaluations – Standards Rule.

Mr. Nicoloff presented the latest draft of this rule. Mr. Calkins suggested possible wording changes to subsection (9). In the latest draft, this subsection read as follows: "(9) The psychologist shall limit diagnostic or evaluative comments to persons he or she has personally evaluated." After much discussion and consideration, the Board approved a motion to change the subsection to read as follows: "(9) Relevant comments about a person not personally evaluated may be included if the report clearly identifies the source for the comment and states that the person to which the comment relates was not evaluated by the psychologist." The proposed rule will be scheduled for hearing and adoption.

# 5.2 Barriers Bill Rules.

Dr. Tien presented the latest draft of these rules. Possible revisions to improve the wording of the rules were discussed. The goal is to ensure that the requirements established in the rules are very clear and understandable. Dr. Tien and Mr. Calkins agreed to produce the draft revisions for Board consideration at the next meeting.

#### 6. DISCIPLINARY REPORT

Tammy Benson provided an update and overview on disciplinary activity related to Psychologists. To illustrate the process of investigating disciplinary cases and the time it sometimes takes to complete cases, Ms Benson provided copies of example detailed activity reports to the Board.

#### 7. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board reviewed the status and projects in their strategic plan.

# 8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session to work on the jurisprudence examination, to determine the disposition of complaints, and to review applications for examination.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by:	Approved by:
Signature on file	Signature on file
Robert J. Nicoloff, Executive Director	Jorge Torres-Saenz, Psy.D., Chair
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